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I have just answered a letter of  
Concom President Macapagal wherein he asks  
whether <sup>or Imelda</sup> I am running for President in 1972.  
I wrote him through Tito Tatal that neither  
Imelda or I intend to run — I because I am  
disqualified by the constitution from a third  
term and Imelda because she has no intention  
to do so.

I asked him to do me the honor of  
furnishing me the original of his letter which he  
sent to media, so that I could answer him in  
more detail. And that he should express the  
leadership that is sadly lacking in the convention.

Apparently Pres. Macapagal has decided to  
lay the blame on me for the failure of the con-  
vention.

Typical traitor and coward!

But from my point of view the Concom has  
become useless. Anything they will approve now  
will be rejected by the people in a plebiscite.

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Judge Asuncion and Director Bugarin appeared at 7:40 PM in the Channel 9 TV program Background on the search warrant for the Quintero residence.

Creditable appearance.

Chief State Prosecutor Ganayco and Fiscal Inabatas appeared on Channel 5 in Paul Gassi's show on Justice. They also explained how the requisites for the issuance of a search warrant were complied with.

But the Times and the Herald as well as the Chronicle have been especially vicious printing alleged PMS reports that the people and civic organizations behind the money at the Quintero residence was "planted."

Transparent attempt to usurp judicial functions and place me and the government in discredit.

Chino Roces is behind all this. But the Arriaranos are apparently behind him also. So I am beginning to believe that the plan is to completely discredit the Council so that their interests are not prejudiced by a new and socially-oriented constitution.

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It would be wise to look into this. The American Lobby is suspect here. Because under the plans of the Comm, the real estate owned by American firms would have to revert to the Republic in 3 to 5 years.

The Chinese Lobby is also suspect because of the problems of nationalization or Filipinization.

But everybody is taking advantage of it — Liberals, activists, Americans, Chinese etc. They are all fishing in troubled waters.

The American Embassy is also interested in the failure of the Convention because of the threat to abolish the American bases in the Philippines.

Delegate Miguel Cuadernos was one of the principal movers and shakers of Quintero. And Cuadernos has many American clients. So has Pio Pedrosa of Prudential Bank.

Cuadernos is supposed to have said that "Ang bata na ay ti walang lakas loob gawawa sa opose," referring to Quintero. This was addressed to Delegate Proscario Rosales of Samar.